

OCEAN EXPERT EXCHANGE EDUCATOR RESOURCES

TOPIC - *Climate Monitoring & Coral Bleaching in the Florida Keys*

FEATURED EXPERT - *Nicole Besemer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

RELATED LEARNING STANDARDS

OCEAN LITERACY PRINCIPLES - Principle #5: The ocean supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems.

Principle #6: The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected.

NEXT GENERATION SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS -

SC.4.L.17.4: Recognize ways plants and animals, including humans, can impact the environment.

SC.5.L.17.1: Compare and contrast adaptations displayed by animals and plants that enable them to survive in different environments such as life cycles variations, animal behaviors and physical characteristics.

SC.6.N.1.5: Recognize that science involves creativity, not just in designing experiments, but also in creating explanations that fit evidence.

SC.7.N.1.5: Describe the methods used in the pursuit of a scientific explanation as seen in different fields of science such as biology, geology, and physics.

SC.8.N.4.2: Explain how political, social, and economic concerns can affect science, and vice versa.

SC.912.N.1.1: Define a problem based on a specific body of knowledge; pose questions, conduct systematic observations, examine books and other sources of information to see what is already known...

SC.912.L.17.4: Describe changes in ecosystems resulting from seasonal variations, climate change and succession.

SC.912.L.17.8: Recognize the consequences of the losses of biodiversity due to catastrophic events, climate changes, human activity, and the introduction of invasive, non-native species.

SC.912.L.17.16: Discuss the large-scale environmental impacts resulting from human activity, including waste spills, oil spills, runoff, greenhouse gasses, ozone depletion, and surface and groundwater pollution.

SC.912.L.17.17: Assess the effectiveness of innovative methods of protecting the environment.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

- Reading - ANGARI Foundation [Meet Nicole Besemer](#) (Grades 5-12)
- Video Short - ANGARI [Monitoring Reefs in the Dry Tortugas | NOAA & CIMAS | Exp 39](#) (Grades 6-12)
- Video Short - NOAA AOML [Dry Tortugas Field Journal](#) (Grades 5-12)
- 3D Model - NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program [Coral Polyp / Bleaching Model](#) (Grades K-12)
- Reading - ScienceNewsExplores [Summer 2023 is when the ocean first turned 'hot tub' hot](#) (Grades 5-12)
- Reading/Podcast - Short Wave [Why 'it is absolutely not too late' for Florida's coral reefs](#) (Grades 7-12)
- Resource Library - NOAA [Investigating Coral Bleaching: Teachers Resources](#) (Grades 6-8)
- Lessons - Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative [Florida's Coral Reef Lessons and Activities](#) (Grades K-12)
- Lesson - CalAcademy [Coral Bleaching: Talking about Climate Change & Sustainable Solutions](#) (Grades 3-6)
- Lesson - National Park Service [Coral Bleaching: Turning Up The Heat](#) (Grades 6-8)
- Lesson - Encounter Edu [Coral Bleaching](#) (Grades 7-11)
- Video Short & Lesson - PBS LearningMedia [Coral Bleaching | HHMI BioInteractive](#) (Grades 9-12)
- Lessons - Oregon Marine Scientist and Educator Alliance [Coral Bleaching](#) (Grades 9-12)
- Resource Library - NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries [Coral Reef Ecosystems](#) (Grades K-12)
- Resource Library - MBARI [Why are Coral Reefs so Stressed Out?](#) (Grades 5-12)
- Reading - Frontiers for Young Minds [How Marine Heatwaves Impact Life in the Ocean](#) (Grades 4-12)
- Reading - Science Journal for Kids and Teens [How can nanoparticles help coral reefs?](#) (Grades 7-10)
- Reading - ScienceNewsExplores [Shading corals during midday heat can limit bleaching](#) (Grades 5-12)